

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claim 11 contains allowable subject matter.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-29 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 13, 28, and 29 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly from claims 1 and 13.

Claim Amendments

Independent claims 1, 13, 28, and 29 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 11. Dependent claim 11 has been canceled by this reply.

As all the amendments made include allowable subject matter from original dependent claims, the amended claims include no new subject matter and are fully supported by the specification. Further, Applicant believes that no further search or consideration is required by the amendments made to the claims.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 5-7, and 9-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over “The LDUP Replication Update Protocol” (“Stokes”), U.S. Patent Application Number 2001/0016880 (“Cai”), and U.S. Patent Number 5,434,994 (“Shaheen”). To the extent this rejection still applies to the amended claims, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

As described above, independent claim 1 has been amended to include allowable subject matter from dependent claim 11 as indicated by the Examiner on page 19 of the Office Action mailed April 14, 2005. Thus, amended independent claim 1 is allowable over Stokes, Cai, and Shaheen, whether considered separately or in combination. Dependent claims 5-7, and 9-10, which depend directly or indirectly on claim 1, are allowable for at least the same reasons. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-4, and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Stokes, Cai, Shaheen, and U.S. Patent No. 6,647,393 ("Dietterich"). To the extent this rejection still applies to the amended claims, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

As described above, independent claim 1 has been amended to include allowable subject matter from dependent claim 11 as indicated by the Examiner. Thus, amended independent claim 1 is allowable over Stokes, Cai, Shaheen, and Dietterich, whether considered separately or in combination. Dependent claims 2-4, and 8, which depend directly or indirectly on claim 1, are allowable for at least the same reasons. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 12 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Stokes, Cai, Shaheen, and U.S. Patent No. 6,615,223 ("Shih"). To the extent this rejection still applies to the amended claims, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

As described above, independent claim 1 has been amended to include allowable subject matter from dependent claim 11 as indicated by the Examiner. Thus, amended independent claim 1 is allowable over Stokes, Cai, Shaheen, and Shih, whether considered separately or in combination. Dependent claim 12, which depends directly on claim 1, is allowable for at least the same reasons. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 13, 14, 20-22, 24-26, 28, and 29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Stokes, Shaheen, and U.S. Patent Number 6,782,398 ("Bahl"). To the extent this rejection still applies to the amended claims, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

As described above, independent claims 13, 28, and 29 have been amended to include allowable subject matter from dependent claims 11, as indicated by the Examiner on page 19 of the Office Action mailed April 14, 2005. Thus, amended independent claims 13, 28, and 29 are allowable over Stokes, Shaheen, and Bahl, whether considered separately or in combination. dependent claims 14, 20-22, and 24-26, which depend directly or indirectly on claim 13, are allowable for at least the same reasons. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 15, 16, 19, and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Stokes, Shaheen, Bahl, Cai, and Dietterich. To the extent this rejection still applies to the amended claims, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

As described above, independent claim 13 has been amended to include allowable subject matter from dependent claim 11 as indicated by the Examiner. Thus, amended independent claim 13 is allowable over Stokes, Shaheen, Bahl, Cai, and Dietterich, whether considered separately or in combination. Dependent claims 15, 16, 19, and 23, which depend directly or indirectly on claim 13, are allowable for at least the same reasons. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 17 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Stokes, Shaheen, Bahl, and U.S. Patent No. 6,397,329 (“Aiello”). To the extent this rejection still applies to the amended claims, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

As described above, independent claim 13 has been amended to include allowable subject matter from dependent claim 11 as indicated by the Examiner. Thus, amended independent claim 13 is allowable over Stokes, Shaheen, Bahl, and Aiello, whether considered separately or in combination. Dependent claims 17 and 18, which depend directly or indirectly on claim 13, are allowable for at least the same reasons. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 27 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Stokes, Shaheen, Bahl, and Shih. To the extent this rejection still applies to the amended claims, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

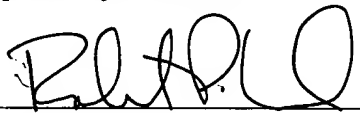
As described above, independent claim 13 has been amended to include allowable subject matter from dependent claim 11 as indicated by the Examiner. Thus, amended independent claim 13 is allowable over Stokes, Shaheen, Bahl, and Shih, whether considered separately or in combination. Dependent claim 27, which depends directly on claim 13, is allowable for at least the same reasons. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 13220/010001; P5845).

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